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Southern Blues, Gospel and Storytelling in Tacoma

Voices of Mississippi is a celebration of southern blues, gospel, and storytelling on Thursday, February 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Tacoma's Pantages Theater and features performances by:

- **Bobby Rush** - two-time Grammy winner, Blues Hall of Famer, and B.B. King Entertainer of the Year.
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In Loving Memory of Correy R. Garrison

Correy Rommel Garrison
Sunrise 10/26/1978 sunset 01/02/2023

Correy Rommel Garrison was born to Ophelia Harris and Stevenson Agusta Garrison on 10/26/1978 in Seattle. Correy was the youngest son born to Ophelia Harris & the only child of Stevenson Garrison. Correy leaves behind to cherish his memory his Mother Ophelia Harris, 3 siblings, 5 children & 3 stepchildren, & A host of Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews & Cousins. He is proceeded in death by his Father Stevenson Garrison & Brother Tony Harris.

Services for Correy will be held on Saturday February 11th, 2023, at 11:00AM, at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church 124 21st ave., Seattle WA, 98122.

In Loving Memory of Tanisha R. Brooks

Tanisha Rashyka Brooks was born February 16, 1974, in Frankfurt, Germany, to Gabriel Brooks, Jr. and Debra Brooks. She passed away December 12, 2022.

Tanisha graduated from Franklin High School and worked for Seattle Public Schools from 1992 until her passing. She sang in Total Experience Choir for 43+ years, taking the message of Christ's love to 36 of 50 States, and internationally.

She is survived by her son, DeShe' Brooks Wright; mother, Debra Brooks; father, Gabriel (Tracy) Brooks, Jr.; brother, Carlos (Meseret) Brooks; sister, Gena Brooks; nephews, Martell (Cynelle) and Joshua Brooks, Mark Eccles; nieces, Bitaniya and Gianna Brooks; and a host of relatives and friends.

Memorial service will be held Friday, February 10, 2023, 11:00am, New Beginnings Christian Fellowship, 19300 108th Avenue SE, Kent. Donations may be made through Zelle via 206.841.7772. Flowers may be sent to Personal Alternative Funeral and Cremation, 749 Central Avenue N., Kent, 98032.

In Loving Memory of Charles E. Jackson (Sam)

Charles Edward Jackson (Sam)
Viewing:
Thursday, February 2, 2023 – 12-5pm
Evergreen Washelli Funeral Home & Cemetery
11111 Aurora Ave N – Seattle, WA 98133
Funeral Service:
Friday, February 3, 2023, at 11am
Mt. Cavalry Christian Center
1412 23rd Ave – Seattle, WA 98122

Born May 8, 1938, in Anniston, Alabama, Charles Edward Jackson (Sam) was the sixth of sixteen children to the union of Olga Mae and Joseph Jackson. Prior to relocating to Seattle, WA in 1955 with his parents and siblings, Sam attended Cobb Avenue High School.

On July 25, 1959, Sam married the love of his life, Carolyn Melete and together had five children—Sandra, Latrice, Christina, Jean-Paul, and Katrina.

Finding his calling for public service in 1976, Sam worked as a King County Metro transit operator for the next 27 years. There, he earned numerous safe driver and driver of the month awards. - Continued on Page 2.

In Loving Memory of Lester Caril

Lester Caril

Born in Seattle, WA- April 18, 1954, Parents Edith & Leo Caril - Departed January 15, 2023. His kindness, sense of humor, and advice will be missed. He attended Minor Elementary, Meany Jr High, and Franklin High School. His natural basketball talents earned him scholarships to Edmonds Community College, achieving an AA degree. He also attended the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, playing Division II basketball and majoring in Business Administration. After graduation, he returned to Seattle to make a better life for his family as a CDL truck driver and remodeling contractor. He is survived by his wife Samantha; children Lester (Akbar), Lorena-Tailanishia, Isaiha, stepsons Armond and Shawn (Mother Jeannette); Grandchildren; Christopher, Hector, and Antonia; Siblings Leon (Lisa) and Etta (Earl Sr.) and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. He is preceded in death by sister Lee Ola and daughter Laquita (Mother Betty).

Service and reception- Saturday, February 18th, 2 pm. at Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 306 24th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98144.

PENUEL by Gloria Jean Polk

GARNET RED!
It was the BLOOD
The BLOOD of JESUS, GARNET RED...
Shed for me in my stead
GARNET RED was the BLOOD
Shed for me on CALVARY, Golgotha Hill
GARNET RED was the BLOOD of the LAMB spilled on CALVARY..
There JESUS the KING, JESUS the LAMB, died
For all mankind, you and me...
OVERCOMER of all sin and shame
NAME above all names
It was the BLOOD, the BLOOD of JESUS, GARNET RED
Shed for me on CALVARY, Golgotha Hill
That SAVED me and set me FREE!
TODAY can be the BESTof the REST of your life! TURN to JESUS CHRIST who shed His PRECIOUS BLOOD, GARNET RED on CALVARY and died to SAVE ALL who will turn from their sins and ask JESUS into their hearts as their LORD and SAVIOR!
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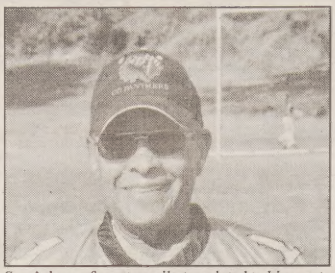
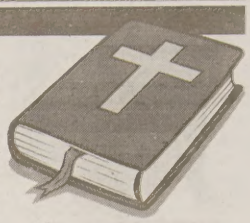
Continued from front: In Loving Memory of Charles E. Jackson (Sam)



Sam's love of sports easily translated to his greatest passion—coaching and mentoring youth in his community. From 1959 – 1995, he coached championship teams at Rainier and CAYA before co-founding the CD Panthers in 1995.
Recognized for his extraordinary service to the community, Sam received notable accolades from B.U.I.L.D 206, ROOTS, Africatown, and Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation.
Sam was preceded in death by his wife Carolyn and daughter Latrice Jackson; however, his legacy will live on through his daughters Sandra Jackson-Banks (Terry), Christina Delgardo, Katrina Beckwith (Jeremy), and son Jean-Paul Jackson; 15 grandchildren; and 27 great grandchildren.

Ministries At Work



"Ministries At Work"
But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. Jude 5

The go-spel word from the Holy Bible is "Coming Out of Egypt" Micah 6:4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, I redeemed you from the house of bondage; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. Please read Exodus Chapter 20

Moses said, our livestock also shall go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind. For we must take some of them to serve the LORD our God, and even we do not know with what we must serve the LORD until we arrive there. But against none of the children of Israel shall a dog move its tongue, against man or beast, that you may know that the LORD does make a difference between the Egyptians and Israel. Ex10:9,26 Ex.11:7 The LORD'S law may be in your mouth as a memorial. Please read Ex.13:9.

The LORD sent 10 plagues, before Pharaoh let the children of Israel go. The last plague, about midnight all the first born in the land of Egypt will die maidservants and beast. Exodus 11:4

The children of Israel shall take a lamb without blemish, a male from the sheep or goats, eat all of it, roasted in the fire with unleavened bread, do not eat it raw, nor boiled. Exodus 12:59

Take the blood, and strike the lintel and the two door posts, and none of you shall go out of the door until morning. For the LORD will pass over you when He sees the blood. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you. It is the LORD'S Passover. And you shall observe this thing as an ordinance for you and your sons forever. Exodus 12:5,7-9,11-13,22-24,43.

Coming out of Egypt meant that the children of Israel was set free and delivered from the bondage under the laws of the land of Egypt of the Pharaohs, rulers, kings and leaders of the government system. Please read Jeremiah 34:9-17. Leviticus 16:13 For they are My servants whom I brought out of the land of Egypt; they shall not be sold as slaves.

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt; open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became His sanctuary, and Israel His dominion. Psalm 81:10;114:1-2.

Have you asked Jesus into your heart? Jesus loves you and desires to establish a personal relationship with you. According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear. Haggai 2:5 Mt. 2:15 Please read.

I am a messenger sent by Jesus Christ into all the world to write to all peoples, nations, tribes, languages, cultures, traditions, customs and habits Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and LO, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen Matthew 28:19-20

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81st Anniversary
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If you are unable to attend the Anniversary Service in person, below is the login information for Zoom.
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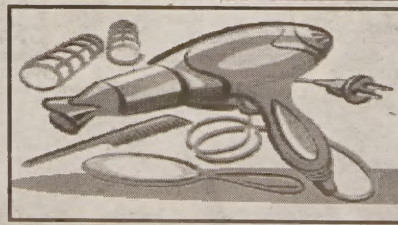
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Sports with Mazvita

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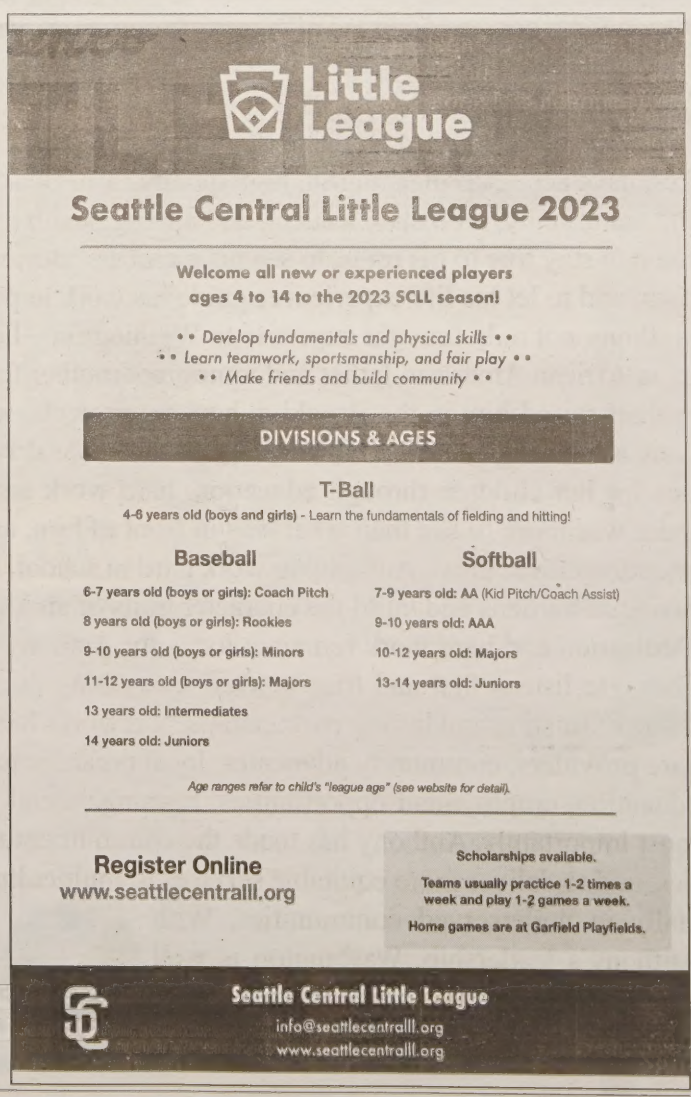
It is one of the biggest game in the state and West Coast. The Garfield Bulldogs Boys Basketball team taking on the Rainier Beach Vikings is must see match up and has been that way as long as anyone remembers. Two passionate schools with multiple State Champion trophies in their trophy cases have never and will never back down to the other. Saturday the two storied franchises squared off for another epic encounter. This was the second meeting between the two quads and Garfield holding a 1-0 advantage after a twenty point win earlier in the season. The Vikings looking for a season split matched the Bulldogs speed and athleticism. The lead fluctuated throughout the night and no one team was ever able to separate from the other. Yes emotions ran high, yes the game had to be stopped monetarily but for all those in attendance were treated to a dynamic game that saw the Bulldogs squeeze out a 78-68 win. " This is exactly what we expected from them Garfield Bulldog head coach Brandon Roy said after the game " They are a well-coached team with extremely talented players " with the Metro League Tournament starting this week there is a chance the two elite powerhouse will face off again.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Washington Celebrates Anthony E. Woods, the State's First and Only African American Medicaid Health Plan President

In 2021, Anthony E. Woods was appointed to take the helm of one of Washington state's largest coordinators of health insurance benefits, Amerigroup Washington. Amerigroup parent organization leaders introduced Anthony as a trusted and highly respected leader, whose extensive knowledge of Medicaid health plan operations and passion for serving communities would serve Washington well through times of tremendous growth and transformational change. That year, Anthony moved his family to Seattle and became the state's first and only African American managed healthcare plan president, bringing with him approximately 20 years of Medicaid health plan leadership experience and a passion that can enhance thousands of lives across the entire state.

Anthony E. Woods

Prior to becoming the Amerigroup Washington plan president, Anthony spent decades innovating industry-leading Medicaid solutions that improve quality of healthcare services and deliver better health outcomes. He began his career with Amerigroup's parent organization as a vice president in New York in 2009. He provided decades of leadership across multifunctional areas, from sales and marketing to operations, and was then promoted to serve as the organization's Wisconsin Medicaid plan president in 2018. Shortly afterwards, he was named as one of Wisconsin's most influential Black leaders.

When Anthony accepted the position to lead all aspects of Amerigroup's operations in Washington, he took on the responsibility of ensuring that more than 270,000 Amerigroup Washington members across 39 counties, have access to meaningful, high quality care. He accepted the challenge of strengthening relationships in the community, with state leaders, and among health and social services providers. He also made a commitment to stay true to his roots, to see his members' stories in his story, to understand their struggles through his own, and to let his life experiences guide his work to positively impact the lives of others.

Anthony not only brought expertise to Washington – he also brought passion. He was born in Brooklyn, NY to an African American father and immigrant mother from the Dominican, who spoke very little English. His mother raised him in the Brooklyn housing projects, where poverty, crime and lower socioeconomic status were a sobering constant. However, his mother was driven to improve her life in America and find opportunities for her children through education, hard work and resilience. She continually reminded Anthony that there was more to life than what was in front of him, and that he was responsible for paving his future. This encouragement drove Anthony to work hard in school, find employment early on to help relieve his mother's financial burdens and build the character traits of an impactful leader.

Dedication and hard work remain a focus for Anthony today, and he embodies these ethics in everything he does. He listens first and tries to view everything through the lens of the community. He understands the value of trusting and lasting partnerships, and works hard to forge meaningful relationships with state leaders, care providers, community advocates, local organizations and more. He recognizes the value of investing in education, employment opportunities, housing, social justice, community resources and health equity. But most importantly, Anthony has made the commitment to influence positive change across diverse communities, and to deliver more equitable services to multicultural and socioeconomically diverse populations, especially in underserved communities. With Anthony's leadership, Washington is well positioned to achieve a stronger, healthier future.

Amerigroup

Community Grand Rounds: The OBCC Town Hall Series

Introducing OBCC Governance Council

The Odessa Brown Children's Clinic (OBCC) has established a Governance Council that works with Dr. Shaquita Bell, senior medical director of OBCC, to provide strategic leadership to achieve equity, diversity and inclusion priorities, and plan for emerging initiatives. The council ensures that the needs and perspectives of the OBCC community inform decision-making. During this virtual conversation, the Governance Council will discuss the council's origin, mission, and work, and answer questions.

Saturday, February 11
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Free virtual event
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The Biggest Deal

You are valuable beyond measure, act accordingly

I'm sure you've used the phrase "big deal" in conversation or contemplation. You might even use this phrase as a standard of measurement for conflict resolution. For example, "is this issue really a big deal or is it no big deal at all?"

To make something a big deal is to associate the subject with great value, significance, and emphasis. Once a subject is labeled as a 'big deal' our perspectives adjust. We begin to prioritize the subject.

Thus, my question for you is: do you consider yourself to be a big deal? Do you view yourself as someone who possesses great value and significance? Do you prioritize the practices that will further you into your purpose?

If your answer is no, here's my advice for you: you are a big deal and you must act accordingly.

Being a 'big deal' shouldn't warrant arrogance or narcissism. To measure yourself as a 'big deal' is choosing to view yourself as a valuable asset that must be treasured. You must act accordingly by being the first to treasure and honor yourself.

In short, if you're not enough for yourself, you won't be enough for anybody.

Words of Wisdom by Char of the Week: You are a 'big deal' because you were designed for a great purpose. God was no amateur nor was he negligent when he created you. The sooner you believe that, the less you'll compromise, neglect or negotiate your greatness for external approval. Ephesians 2:10

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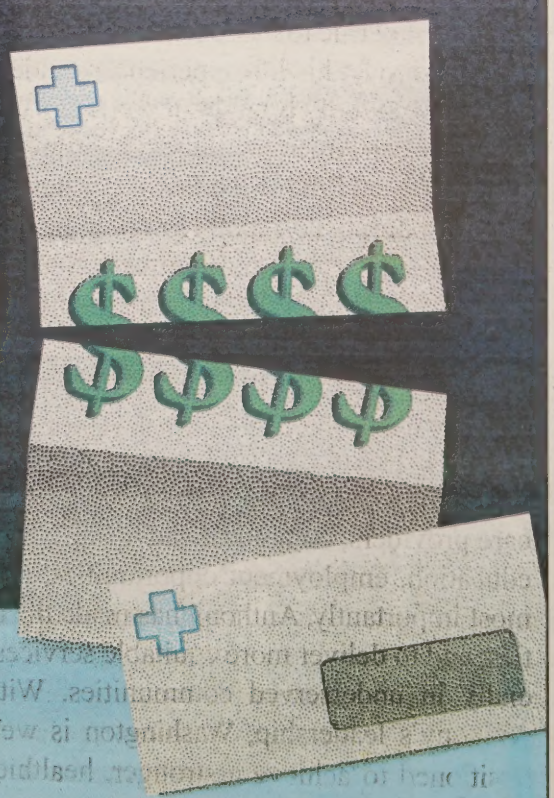

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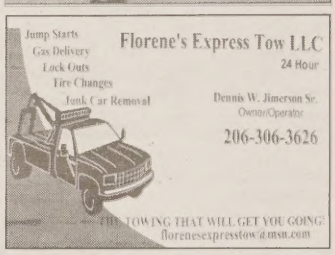

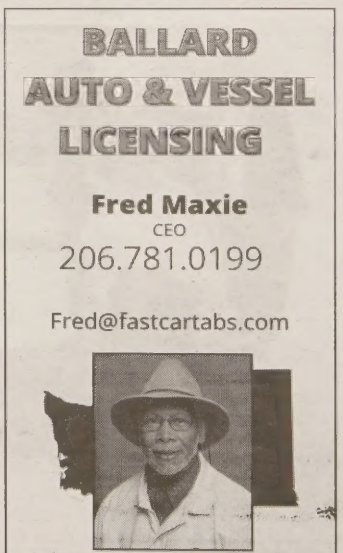

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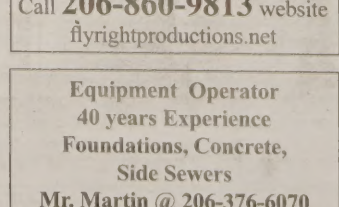

WENA YOUNG WARRIOR AWARD Goes to Claudette Colvin

Mrs. Claudette Colvin

January, 2023 is the first anniversary of Governor Jay Inslee's historic signing of Executive Order (EO) 22-02 restoring Affirmative Action in Education, Employment & Enterprise for women and people of color in Washington state. WENA thanks Governor Inslee for signing EO 22-02.

2023 is also the first year WENA will present the "WENA YOUNG WARRIOR AWARD" which WENA plans to award annually to the young person under age 21 who has engaged in courageous leadership actions to advance equity and justice in our nation.

WENA's first awardee is Mrs. Claudette Colvin, civil rights pioneer who was leading the way for all of us at only 15 years old. In 1955, Ms. Colvin became the first African-American arrested and convicted in Montgomery, Alabama for refusing to give up her bus seat to a White woman, before Rosa Parks!

"It is really an honor to accept the Washington Equity Now Alliance's "WENA Young Warrior Award"!, said Colvin. I hope my story will inspire youth to continue to fight for civil rights and human dignity."

WENA will present the "WENA YOUNG WARRIOR AWARD" to Mrs. Colvin, now 83 years old, via Zoom at the historic Abigail Stuart House where women organized for women's suffrage in the 1800's. Claudette Colvin was born September 5, 1939, in Birmingham, Alabama. Her biological parents are C.P. Austin and Mary Jane Austin (Gadson). She is the oldest of eight sisters.

During her early childhood, her adopted parents and biological great aunt and uncle, Q.P. and Mary Ann Colvin, lived in the rural community of Pine Level, Alabama which was the same town where Rosa Parks grew up. Claudette attended Springhill Baptist Elementary School – then located on Ramer Route 1.

She later moved to Montgomery, Alabama and lived in an area called King Hill. She attended Booker T. Washington School from 1949 to 1956. She did not finish her senior year, but later received her G.E.D. She attended the Alabama State Teachers College in Montgomery for one year.

At the age of fifteen, what would later be known as her greatest achievement in life was her significant role in desegregating the buses in Montgomery, Alabama. Claudette is one of the unsung heroes in the Civil Rights Movement. Nine months before Rosa Parks' arrest, Claudette was arrested on March 2, 1955, for a similar act of resistance when she refused to give up her seat to a white woman. She was one of the four plaintiffs in the first federal court case filed by Fred Gray on February 1, 1956 to challenge bus segregation in the city. The case was successful, and it was a jubilant day in the history of the city of Montgomery as the state and local laws requiring bus segregation in Alabama were ruled unconstitutional. While this case was a success, the record of her arrest and adjudication of delinquency was not expunged by the district court until December 2021.

As early as 1979, Claudette's name started surfacing during Negro History Month. The Birmingham News did a feature story by Frank Sikora in 1980. New York Governor Mario M. Cuomo awarded her with the MLK, Jr. Medal of Freedom in 1990, New York State's highest honor of recognition for those individuals of outstanding accomplishments in the field of civil and human rights. The Selma Times Journal featured her in 1991; The National Voting Rights Museum and Institute added a picture display of Claudette in 1994. There was a one-minute flash of her story on Lifetime Television in 1995. Claudette was featured in the cover story of USA Today on November 25, 1995; the Montgomery Advertiser in 1996; and the Washington Post on April 12, 1990. She has been mentioned in several books such as "Freedom's Children" by Ellen Levine, "Parting the Waters" by Taylor Branch, "Bus Ride to Justice" by Atty. Fred D. Gray, "The Montgomery Bus Boycott and the Women Who Started It: The Memoir of Jo Ann Gibson Robinson," to name a few. Phillip Hoose's 2009 biography, Claudette Colvin, Twice Toward Justice, received the Newberry Honor Book Award.

Girl, 15, Guilty In Bus Seat Case

Negro Girl Found Guilty Of Segregation Violation

Claudette worked for 30 years at a Catholic Nursing Home as a nursing assistant. She is the mother of two boys – the eldest sadly passed in her home in 1993. The youngest earned his Doctor of Business Administration from Georgia State University and is now an Assistant Professor at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. She has five adorable grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She can say that she has reaped the fruits of her labor through them. Today, she resides in Corpus Christi, Texas and enjoys reading and cooking.

Claudette's rising prominence in civil rights history has resulted in honors and awards locally, nationally, and internationally. Students from elementary through college have been inspired by the courageous actions she took as a fifteen-year-old. Parents, community leaders, and civic and public officials have been empowered to become change agents because of her example. Claudette's legacy stands the test of time and her dauntless actions are crucial today. As she fiercely said: "When it comes to justice, there is no easy way to get it. You can't sugarcoat it. You have to take a stand and say, 'This is not right.'"

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